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# Governor Janet Napolitano's Veterans Task Force


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## Overview – Mike Klier

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# Veterans Task Force Overview

1st Meeting – September 9th, 2005

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**Defining the Veteran**



**Veterans in our Society/Population Trend**



**Economic Impact**



**Education**








**Public Comments (based on time restraints)**



# Veterans Task Force Overview

2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting – October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005

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-  **Veteran Home in Phoenix and Tucson**
-  **VA Medical Center – Tucson –  
Jonathan Gardner**
-  **Increasing the number of VBC support**
-  **Overview of State Veteran Cemeteries**
-  **Public Comments (based on time restraints)**

# Veterans Task Force Overview

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting – November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005

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**Briefing – Arizona National Guard and Reserves**



**State Veterans Benefits Comparison**



**Review General Fund Support received by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services**



**Public Comments (based on time restraints)**

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4<sup>th</sup> Meeting – November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005

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**Recommendations for Federal  
and State levels of legislation**



**Public Comments (based on time  
restraints)**

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5<sup>th</sup> Meeting – December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005

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**Draft the recommendations and set in motion implementation and change**



**Public Comments (based on time restraints)**





Questions?







Thank you



*“To care for him who shall have borne  
the battle and for his widow and his  
orphan”*

— Abraham Lincoln



# Department of Veterans Affairs

- 2005 Budget: \$67,000,000,000.00
- Second largest of the 15 Cabinet Departments.
- Approx. 236,000 employees-13 percent of the federal work force.
- 57 Regional Offices (VAROs).
- 157 Medical Centers (VAMCs).
- 862 Outpatient Clinics.
- 207 Vet Centers.
- 134 Nursing Homes.
- 42 Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Programs
- 88 Comprehensive Homecare Programs
- 120 National Cemeteries.



# Department of Veterans Affairs in Arizona-2004

- Approx. 600,000 veterans in AZ.
  - 57,893 Veterans received Disability Compensation or Pension.
  - 13,122 VA Home Loans Closed.
  - 5,438 Veterans received Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Services.
  - Total VA Expenditures in AZ for 2004: \$1.4 billion.

# Department of Veterans Affairs

## Benefits available

- Health Care
- Disability Benefits.
- Education & Training Benefits.
- Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment.
- Home Loans.
- Life Insurance.
- Burial Benefits.
- Dependents and Survivors Benefits.

# *Who Does VA Serve?*

- Of the 25 million veterans currently alive, nearly three of every four served during a war or an official period of hostility. About a quarter of the nation's population -- approximately 70 million people -- are potentially eligible for VA benefits and services because they are veterans, family members or survivors of veterans.



# The Definition of a Veteran:

- Title 38, United States Code, Part I, Chapter I, Section 101. States:
- *“The term ‘veteran’ means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable”.*

# The Definition of a Veteran continued..

- Current VA Regulations State:
  - *“Eligibility depends on individual circumstances...and is based upon discharge from active military service under other than dishonorable conditions. Active means full-time service, other than active duty for training, as a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or a commissioned officer of the Public Health Service, Environmental Science Services Administration or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or its predecessor organization, the Coast and Geodetic Survey. Men and Woman veterans with similar service are entitled to the same VA benefits”.*

# The Definition of a Veteran continued..

- ‘Wartime Service’
  - Certain benefits require wartime service.
  - Under Law VA recognizes:
    - Mexico Border Period: 5/9/1919 - 4/5/1917
    - WWI: 4/6/17 – 11/11/18; for veterans who served in Russia, 4/6/17 – 4/1/20, extended through 7/1/21 for veterans who served at least one day of service between 4/6/17 & 11/11/18
    - W.W.II: 12/7/41 – 12/31/46
    - Korean War: 6/27/50 – 1/31/55
    - Vietnam War: 8/5/64 (2/28/61 for veterans who served “in country” before 8/5/64) – 5/7/75
    - Gulf War: 8/2/1990 – through a date to be set by law or Presidential Proclamation.



# “Eligibility depends on individual circumstances...”

- 31 ‘special groups’ of veterans
- Minimum length of time on active duty required for some benefits.
- Means testing for some benefits.
- Age requirements for some benefits.
- Expiration dates for some benefits.
- Active Duty status for Natl. Guard and Reserve dependent on Presidential activation for federal duty.

# Veterans Service Organizations

- Establish own criteria for membership eligibility for their organizations. (i.e. their own definition of a veteran)
  - Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
  - American Legion (AL)
  - Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
  - Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)
- Example: War Time Service.
  - Each organization has their own dates for “wartime service”.

# Veterans Service Organizations

## DAV Membership Eligibility Requirements

- **Who is eligible to join the DAV?**
  - Any man or woman, who was wounded, gassed, injured or disabled in the line of duty during time of war, while in the service of either the military or naval forces of the United States of America, and who has not been dishonorably discharged or separated from such service, or who may still be in active service in the armed forces of the United States of America is eligible for membership in the Disabled American Veterans. Others who are disabled while serving with any of the armed forces of any nations associated with the United States of America as allies during any of its war periods, who are American citizens and who are honorably discharged, are also eligible.

# Veterans Service Organizations

## **American Legion Membership Eligibility Requirements:**

- **Who is eligible to join the American Legion?**
  - April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918(World War I)
  - December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946(World War II)
  - June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955(Korean War)
  - February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975(Vietnam War)
  - August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984(Lebanon/Grenada)
  - December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990(Operation Just Cause - Panama)
  - \*August 2, 1990 to today (Operation Desert Shield/Storm)

# Veterans Service Organizations

## VFW Membership Eligibility Requirements

### VFW ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Campaign Medals	Military Service	Qualifying Dates	Campaign Medals	Military Service	Qualifying Dates
<u>Expeditionary</u>	Navy/Marine Corps	Feb. 12, 1874 - Open	<u>Asiatic-Pacific Campaign</u>	Army-Navy	Dec. 7, 1941 - Mar. 2, 1946
<u>Spanish Campaign</u>	Army Navy	May 11, 1898 - Aug. 16, 1898 Apr. 20, 1898 - Dec. 10, 1898	<u>Army of Occupation</u> (30 consecutive days of duty)		
<u>Army of Cuba Occupation</u>	Army	Jul. 18, 1898 - May 20, 1902	Italy		May 9, 1945 - Sep. 15, 1947
<u>Army of Puerto Rico Occupation</u>	Army	Aug. 14, 1898 - Dec. 10, 1898	Germany (except West Berlin)		May 9, 1945 - May 5, 1955
<u>Philippine Campaign</u>	Army Navy	Feb. 4, 1899 - Dec. 31, 1913 Feb. 4, 1899 - Sep. 15, 1906	Austria		May 9, 1945 - Jul. 27, 1955
<u>China Relief Expedition</u>	Army Navy	Jun. 20, 1900 - May 27, 1901 Apr. 5, 1900 - May 27, 1901	Germany (West Berlin)		May 9, 1945 - Oct. 2, 1990
<u>Cuban Pacification</u>	Army Navy	Oct. 6, 1906 - Apr. 1, 1909 Sep. 12, 1906 - Apr. 1, 1909	Korea		Sep. 3, 1945 - Jun. 29, 1949
<u>Mexican Service</u>	Army Navy	Apr. 12, 1911 - Jun. 16, 1919 Apr. 12, 1914 - Feb. 7, 1917	Japan		Sep. 3, 1945 - Apr. 27, 1952
<u>First Nicaraguan Campaign</u>	Navy	Jul. 29, 1912 - Nov. 14, 1912	<u>Navy Occupation Service Medal</u>		
<u>Haitian Campaign</u>	Navy	Jul. 9, 1915 - Dec. 6, 1915 Apr. 1, 1919 - Jun. 15, 1920	Italy		May 8, 1945 - Dec. 15, 1947
<u>Dominican Campaign</u>	Navy	May 4, 1916 - Dec. 5, 1916	Trieste		May 8, 1945 - Oct. 26, 1954
<u>World War I Victory</u> (with battle or service clasp incl. Siberia and European Russia)	Army Navy	Apr. 6, 1917 - Apr. 1, 1920 Apr. 6, 1917 - Mar. 30, 1920	Germany (except West Berlin)		May 8, 1945 - May 5, 1955
<u>Army Occup. of Germany</u>	Army	Nov. 12, 1918 - Jul. 11, 1923	Austria		May 8, 1945 - Oct. 25, 1955
<u>Second Nicaraguan Campaign</u>	Navy	Aug. 27, 1926 - Jan. 2, 1933	Asiatic Pacific		Sep. 2, 1945 - Apr. 27, 1952
<u>Yangtze Service</u>	Navy	Sep. 3, 1926 - Oct. 21, 1927 Mar. 1, 1930 - Dec. 31, 1932	<u>Korean Service Medal</u>		
<u>China Service</u>	Navy	Jul. 7, 1937 - Sep. 7, 1939 Sep. 2, 1945 - Apr. 1, 1957	Army, Navy, Air Force		Jun. 27, 1950 - Jul. 27, 1954
<u>American Defense Service</u> (with foreign service clasp)	Army-Navy	Sep. 8, 1939 - Dec. 7, 1941	<u>Navy &amp; Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal</u>		
<u>European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign</u>	Army-Navy	Dec. 7, 1941 - Nov. 8, 1945	Cuban Military Operation		Jan. 3, 1961 - Oct. 23, 1962
<u>American Campaign</u> (30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty outside continental limits of the U.S.)	Army-Navy	Dec. 7, 1941 - Mar. 2, 1946	Thailand Military Operation		May 16, 1962 - Aug. 10, 1962
			Iranian, Yemen & Indian Ocean Operation		Dec. 8, 1978 - Jun. 6, 1979 Nov. 21, 1979 - Oct. 20, 1981
			Lebanon		Aug. 20, 1982 - May 31, 1983
			Libyan Expedition		Jan. 20, 1986 - Jun. 27, 1986
			Persian Gulf		Feb. 1, 1987 - Jul. 23, 1987
			Panama (pre and post invasion)		Apr. 1, 1988 - Dec. 19, 1989 Feb. 1, 1990 - Jun. 13, 1990
			Operation Sharp Edge - Liberia		Aug. 5, 1990 - Feb. 21, 1991
			Operation Distant Runner - Rwanda (11th Marine Exped. Unit USS Peleliu)		Apr. 7-18, 1994
			<u>Vietnam Service Medal</u>		Jul. 4, 1965 - Mar. 8, 1973



# Veterans Service Organizations

## VFW Membership Eligibility Requirements

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<b><u>Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal</u></b> <i>(30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty)</i>					
Lebanon		Jul. 1, 1958 - Nov. 1, 1958	Operation Maritime Intercept - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Red Sea, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman W of 62° E Long., Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, &amp; Jordan.</i>		Dec. 1, 1995 - Open
Taiwan Straits		Aug. 23, 1958 - Jan. 1, 1959	Operation Joint Guard - <i>Bosnia, Croatia, Adriatic Sea &amp; airspace.</i>		Dec. 20, 1996 - Jun. 20, 1998
Quemoy & Matsu Islands		Aug. 23, 1958 - Jun. 1, 1963	Operation Northern Watch - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Persian Gulf W of 56° E Long., and Incirlik AB, Turkey (only pers. TDY to ONW)</i>		Jan. 1, 1997 - Open
Vietnam		Jul. 1, 1958 - Jul. 3, 1965	Operation Joint Forge - <i>Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Adriatic Sea &amp; airspace.</i>		Jun. 21, 1998 - Open
Congo		Jul. 14, 1960 - Sep. 1, 1962	Operation Desert Thunder - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, Jordan, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea support.</i>		Nov. 11, 1998 - Dec. 22, 1998
Laos		Apr. 19, 1961 - Oct. 7, 1962	Operation Desert Fox - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, Jordan, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, USN Red Sea support.</i>		Dec. 16, 1998 - Dec. 22, 1998
Berlin		Aug. 14, 1961 - Jun. 1, 1963			
Cuba		Oct. 24, 1962 - Jun. 1, 1963			
Congo		Nov. 23-27, 1964			
Dominican Republic		Apr. 23, 1965 - Sep. 21, 1966			
Korea		Oct. 1, 1966 - Jun. 30, 1974			
Cambodia		Mar. 29, 1973 - Aug. 15, 1973			
Thailand <i>(only those in direct support of Cambodia)</i>		Mar. 29, 1973 - Aug. 15, 1973			
Operation Eagle Pull - <i>Cambodia (includes evacuation)</i>		Apr. 11-13, 1975	<b><u>Southwest Asia Service Medal</u></b>		
Operation Frequent Wind - <i>Vietnam (includes evacuation)</i>		Apr. 29-30, 1975	Operation Desert Shield/ Operation Desert Storm <i>(combat areas of operation only)</i>		Aug. 2, 1990 - Nov. 30, 1995
Mayaguez Operation		May 15, 1975	Personnel assigned to support units serving in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Jordan.		Jan. 17, 1991 - Apr. 11, 1991
El Salvador		Jan. 1, 1981 - Feb. 1, 1992			
Lebanon		Jun. 1, 1983 - Dec. 1, 1987	<b><u>Kosovo Campaign Medal</u></b>		
Operation Urgent Fury - <i>Grenada</i>		Oct. 23, 1983 - Nov. 21, 1983	Operation Allied Force - <i>Kosovo Air Campaign</i>		Mar. 24, 1999 - Jun. 10, 1999
Eldorado Canyon - <i>Libya</i>		Apr. 12-17, 1986	Kosovo Defense Campaign - <i>Ground Action</i>		Jun. 11, 1999 - Open
Operation Earnest Will - <i>Persian Gulf (only those participating in, or in direct support)</i>		Jul. 24, 1987 - Aug. 1, 1990	<b><u>Combat Infantry Badge &amp; Combat Medical Badge</u></b>	Army	Dec. 6, 1941 - Open
Operation Just Cause - <i>Panama (USS Vreeland &amp; other SVS-designated aircrew mbrs. outside the Conus in direct support)</i>		Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990	<b><u>Combat Action Ribbon</u></b>	Navy, Marine, Coast Guard	Mar. 1, 1961 - Open
United Shield - <i>Somalia</i>		Dec. 5, 1992 - Mar. 31, 1995	<b><u>Korea Defense Service Medal</u></b>		July 28, 1954 - Open
Operation Restore Hope - <i>Somalia</i>		Dec. 5, 1992 - Mar. 31, 1995	<b><u>Korea Duty</u></b>		Jun. 30, 1949 - Open
Operation Uphold Democracy - <i>Haiti</i>		Sep. 16, 1994 - Mar. 31, 1995	Service on the Korean Peninsula or in its territorial waters for <b><u>30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty.</u></b>		
Operation Joint Endeavor - <i>Bosnia, Croatia, the Adriatic Sea &amp; airspace.</i>		Nov. 20, 1995 - Dec. 19, 1996	<b><u>Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal</u></b>		Sep. 11, 2001 - Open
Operation Vigilant Sentinel - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, &amp; Persian Gulf.</i>		Dec. 1, 1995 - Sep. 1, 1997	<b><u>Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay</u></b>		
Operation Southern Watch - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Persian Gulf, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Gulf of Oman W of 62° E Long., Yemen, Egypt, &amp; Jordan.</i>		Dec. 1, 1995 - Open	This information is to be used for guideline purposes only. The separation document or DD 214 MUST reflect campaign medal service to establish eligibility. Service in Korea without the issuance of a campaign medal can be established with additional, support documentation. Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay can be established with pay records.		

# **Veterans Service Organizations**

## **VFW Membership Eligibility Requirements**

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# **Veterans Service Organizations**

## **MOPH Membership Eligibility Requirements**

- **Who is eligible to join the MOPH?**
- **“You are eligible if you have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal By the Government of the United States”.**

# 75 Years of VA

*This year VA celebrates 75 Years of Serving America's veterans.*

- **VA Disability Compensation Program has evolved from a long series of legislative actions, spanning most of a century.**
- **“VA Benefits programs are extraordinarily complex, multifaceted, laborious, paper dominated, frequently-modified programs which have a long history. Over the years they have had an uneven and frequently disconnected series of enhancements and additions. All the changes have had the single focus of helping ‘veterans’”. - Admiral Daniel Cooper**  
**Under Secretary for Benefits**

# A VA Turning Point...

- 1989- The Veterans Administration becomes The Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Cabinet-level Department.
- What's the catch? Judicial Review.
- Veterans can now take VA to court...all the way to the Supreme Court.
- A complex system becomes litigious.
  - “to carry on a legal contest by judicial process”-Webster.



**So...**

**What does 75 Years of incremental  
legislation and 15 years of precedent-  
setting court decisions look like?**

A picture is worth a thousand  
words...



# VA REGULATIONS & LAWS



One  
Veteran's  
Claims  
Folder for  
Disability  
Benefits

Confused Yet?

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# **VA's “Opposing Forces”**

- **VA is mandated to perform outreach to the veteran community but faces resource challenges and “great unknowns”.**
  - **New campaigns.**
  - **Changing battlefield conditions.**
  - **New diseases, medical conditions.**
  - **Court decisions.**
- **VA's goal is to inform and provide benefits and services to a greater percentage of eligible veterans and do so more timely and with better quality.**
- **VA is investing in technology. Work smarter, not harder.**
- **VA is moving towards ‘self-serve’ but still requires specialized expertise and collaboration.**



# VA's biggest partners...the States.

- Federal / State partnerships are a key success factor.
- Federal / State collaboration necessary to provide benefits and services to eligible veterans and their dependents.
- VA trains and certifies State Veterans Benefits Counselors and Veterans Service Organization Representatives.
- 73 Certified by VA in AZ since program began.
- Federal statutes are vast, but have mixed success in keeping up with dynamic nature of necessary services and benefits.
- State programs can help fill those gaps.

What is the zeitgeist?

Questions?

*Thank you*






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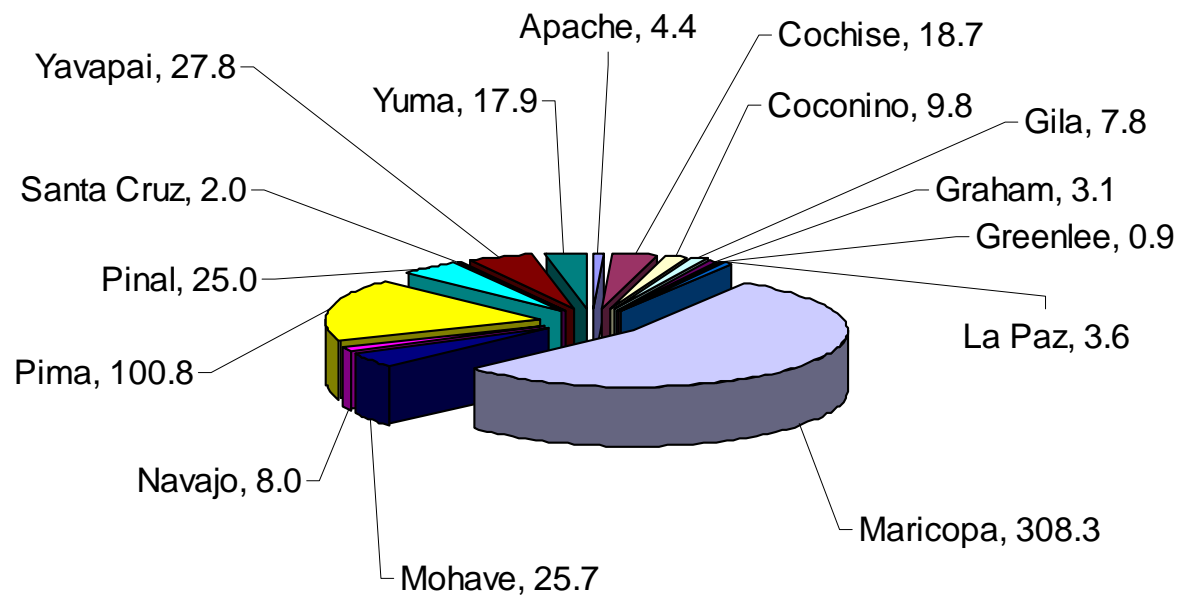
## Economic Impact – J. Gary Noviello, CPA

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# Veteran Population (in 000s) by AZ County





# Annually, ~ \$2.5 billion<sup>1</sup> enters the AZ economy on behalf of veterans

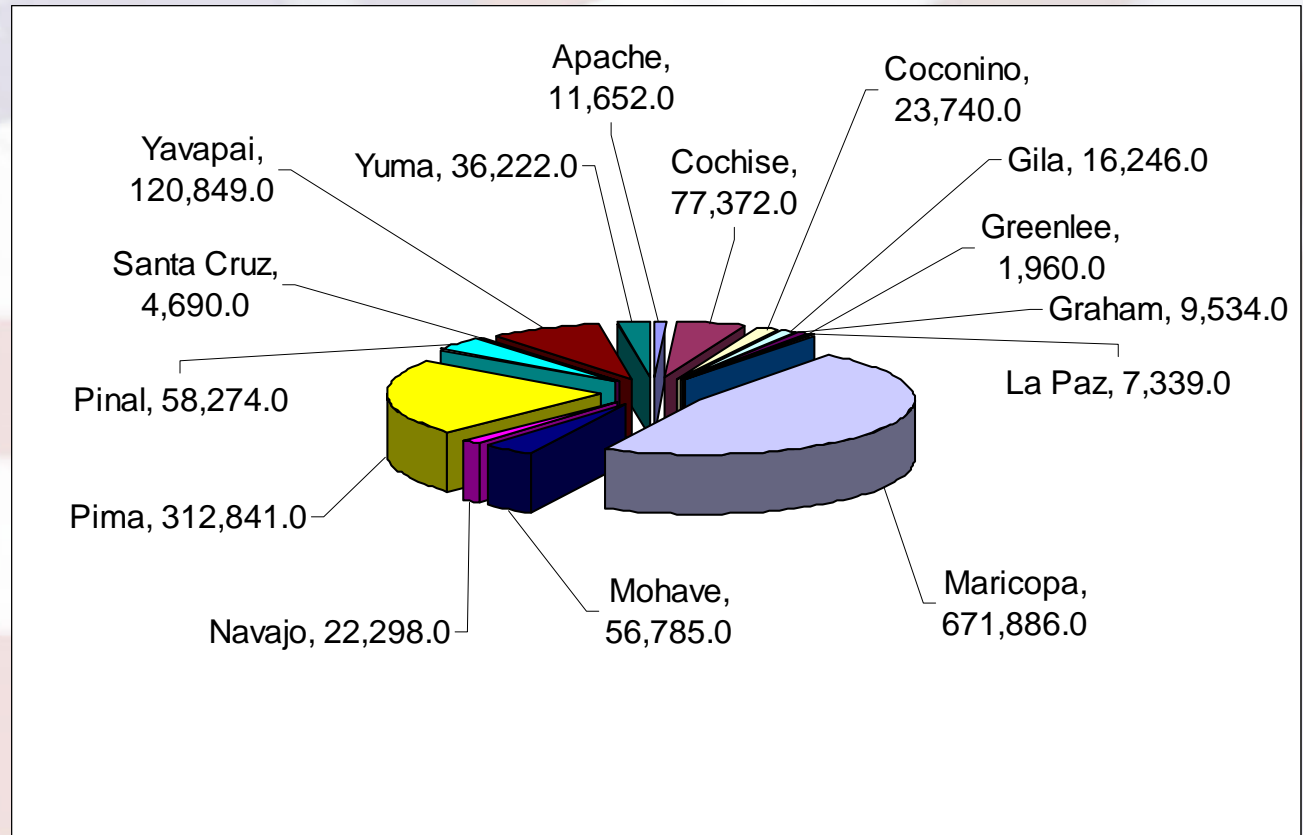
- ☞ US Department of Veterans Affairs –
  - \$1.432 billion in expenditures (15<sup>th</sup> in the US)
- ☞ US Department of Defense –
  - \$1.051 billion in expenditures
- ☞ US Department of Homeland Security –
  - \$9.5 million in expenditures
- ☞ US Department of Labor –
  - \$2.4 million in expenditures
- ☞ US Department of Education –
  - \$0.5 million in expenditures

<sup>1</sup>All amounts received are for the federal fiscal year ending 09/30/04 with the exception of Department of Labor, which presents the amount received for the state fiscal year ending 06/30/04. CPI has averaged 2.5% over the past five years, and therefore, amount of expenditures can reasonably be expected to grow at a rate of ~ \$62.5 million annually.

# Department of Veterans Affairs

- ☞ Compensation and pension - \$686 million
- ☞ Medical - \$583 million
- ☞ Education and vocational rehabilitation - \$88 million
- ☞ Insurance and indemnities - \$42 million
- ☞ General operations - \$27 million
- ☞ Construction - \$4 million

# VA Expenditures (in 000s) by County



# Department of Veterans Affairs

## VA Home Loans

- \$1.859 billion in approved loans
- 13,122 approved home loans
- \$141,580 average loan amount
- Guaranteed up to \$60,000 per loan
  - Potential liability to VA of \$787.3 million
  - Allowed veterans to purchase a home costing up to a \$359,650 with no down payment



# Military retired pay for veterans and survivors

## Department of Defense<sup>2</sup>

- Army - \$289 million
- Navy - \$164 million
- Marines - \$66 million
- Air Force - \$532 million

## Department of Homeland Security<sup>3</sup>

- Coast Guard - \$9.5 million

<sup>2</sup> Average retired pay was ~ \$18,000 to \$21,500 year for ~ 55,340 retirees.

<sup>3</sup> Average retired pay was ~ \$17,000 per year for ~ 562 retirees.

# Federal Programs



## Department of Labor

- Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) - \$1.1 million
- Local Veterans' Employment Representative Program (LVER) - \$0.8 million
- Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project (HVRP) - \$0.5



## Department of Education

- Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) - \$0.5 million
  - ASU - \$303,000
  - Yavapai Community College - \$226,000

# Economic Impact Theory

## Input-Output Model

- Income injected into an economy has a multiplier effect, as it is respent locally
- Rule of thumb says the impact multiplier, on average, is 2
- Thus, the \$2.5 billion in direct federal expenditures made on behalf of veterans will have an overall impact of \$5.0 billion on the Arizona economy



# Economic Impact of Arizona's Principal Military Operations<sup>4</sup>

## ☞ Direct Impact (Principal Military Operations)

- \$2.411 billion
- 41,647 jobs

## ☞ Indirect Impact (Support Businesses)

- \$3.252 billion
- 41,859 jobs

## ☞ Total (Military Industry)

- \$5.663 billion
- 83,506 jobs

<sup>4</sup>The Maguire Company, in collaboration with ESI Corporation – May 2002

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Total Estimated Economic Impact to  
the State of Arizona Attributable to  
Veterans and the Military Industry

**> \$10.0 Billion**



Questions?







Thank you





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## Veterans Education – Mike Fugate

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# Veterans Education



## OVERVIEW

- *The Role of the SAA*
- *Veterans Education (Active Duty to Civilian Status)*
- *GI BILL (Yesterday & Today)*
- *Outreach (Problems & Solutions)*



# State Approving Agency Role



**Arizona State Approving Agency approves institutions and programs of education where eligible veterans and dependents can achieve either an educational, professional, or vocational objective, such as:**

- **Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL)**
- **Non-College Degree Programs (NCD)**
- **On-the-Job Training (OJT)**
- **Apprenticeship Program (APP)**
- **Flight Training**
- **Licensure and Certification Exams**



**The SAA provides supervision at all approved sites through annual visits. SAA professionals evaluate curricula, student records, physical facilities as well as faculty, administration and school policies and procedures.**



**The SAA also provides on-going training, outreach, liaison, and technical assistance.**



# Veterans Education

## Montgomery GI BILL (MGIB) Education Benefits

- 👉 **99% of Service members Sign Up for MGIB**
- 👉 **65% of Service members DO NOT Use MGIB Benefits**
- 👉 **MGIB Benefits must be used in 10 Years from last date of active duty service**
- 👉 **Benefit worth between \$36,144 to \$54,000 in educational and/or training funds. Use it or lose it !**

# Veterans Education

- 👉 **Today's Service member (active or reserve) is enrolled in post-secondary education after completion of basic training**
- 👉 **While on active duty, veterans can enroll and matriculate in DOD's Voluntary Education Program**
- 👉 **The one term enlistees have earned at least 15 semester hours through DOD education/training**

# **Veterans Education**

## **Montgomery G.I. Bill (Selected Reserve)**



### **ELIGIBILITY**

- *Six years qualifying service*
- *High School diploma*
- *Complete initial ADT*



### **ENTITLEMENT**

- *Up to 36 months of benefits*
- *Monthly payments*





### **OTHER BENEFITS**

- *Work study payments*




***EXPIRES AFTER DISCHARGE FROM RESERVE  
FORCES***

# GI BILL(Yesterday)

-  **Gave veteran an entitlement that covered tuition , books and fees (as the VR&E Chapter 31 benefit of today)**
-  **Provided an impartial advisor to assist veteran in selecting the right educational/vocational program for their needs**








# GI BILL (Today)

-  **While on active duty, veteran has an advocate through the DOD Education Services Office on the installation**
-  **Member has tuition assistance funding through DOD saving GI Bill until discharge**
-  **Member leaves military with college hours and experience**

# **Outreach**

## **(Problems & Solutions)**

-  **Currently, the DVA has the veteran contact the VA School Certifying Official to advise on program selection**
-  **VA Certifying Official is an employee of the institution they represent**
-  **Many institutions will not apply military credit towards degree/certification requirements**
-  **Veterans need to be empowered to know what questions to ask and where to go for assistance**
-  **Solutions include a Veteran Education Office to represent the discharged veteran**



Questions?







Thank you



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## Socioeconomic Look at Veterans – Mike Klier

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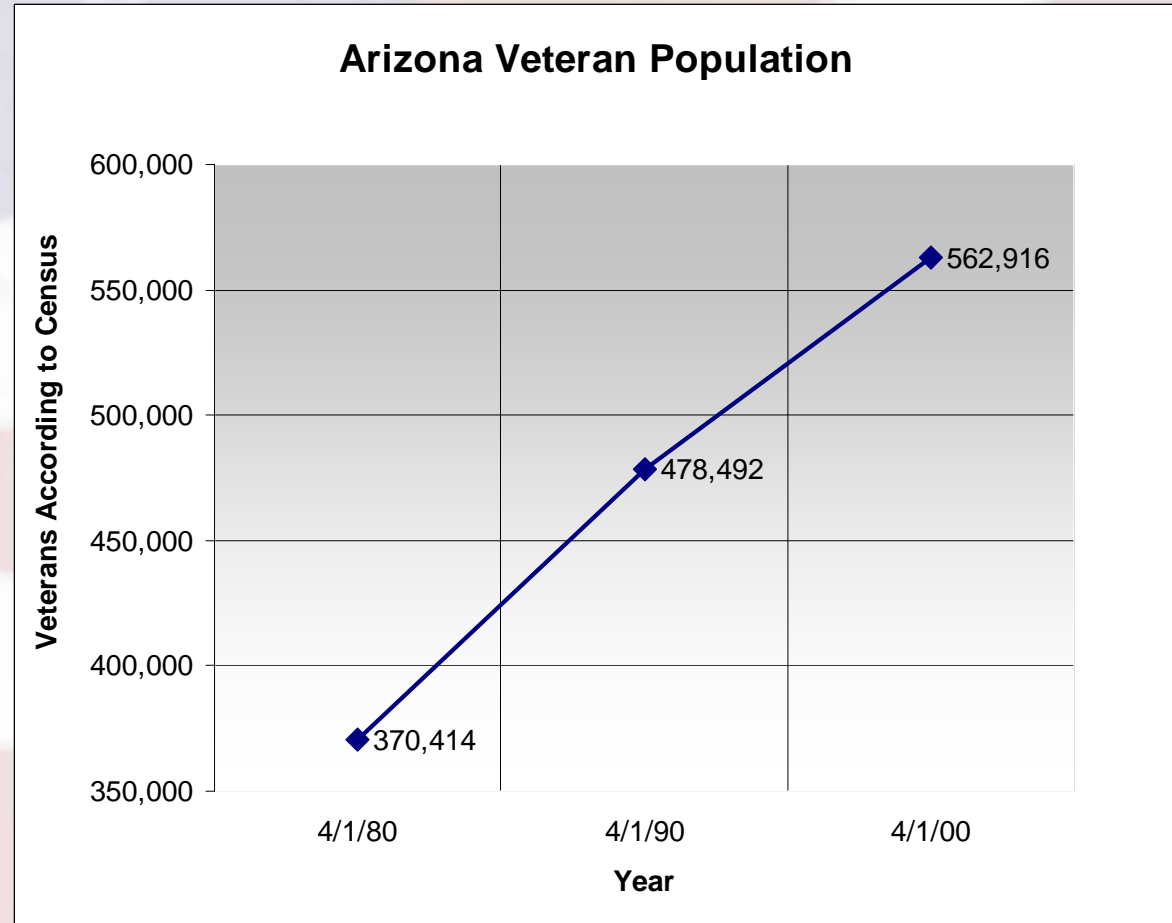
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☞ **Veteran Growth**



# Arizona Veteran Population Growth



**Based on US Census figures**



Questions?





Thank you

